

Application No. 10/797,686
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

First, it is pointed out that the application contains a total of 15 claims (prior to this Amendment) whereas the Examiner indicated that the application contains claims 1-10 in the Office Action Summary.

Claim 5 as been amended as set forth hereinabove, and new claims 16 and 17 have been added. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species A, Figs. 1-4 for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species A (Figs. 1-4) are claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11 and 16.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claims 1 and 7-10 are considered to be generic.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims directed to non-elected Species, which depend from or otherwise include the subject matter of an allowable generic claim.

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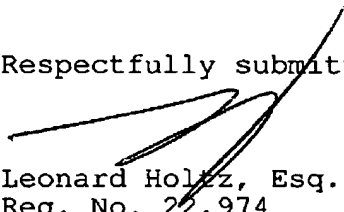
It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the amended claims set forth herein and the election set forth hereinabove.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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